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Rockford Police Issue Clown Sighting Advisory

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Following a national trend of “creepy” clown sightings for the past few months, the Rockford Police Department has received numerous calls regarding suspicious clown sightings around the area. The clown sighting trend began in late August and has gained local momentum during the past several days. While most reports across the country have been unfounded, there have been some instances of criminal activity and victimization.

Rockford Police officers are investigating all local reports, all of which have been unfounded at this time, with the exception of a radio promotion of which it has been made aware.

“We appreciate the fact that during this season leading into Halloween, people are using clowns as a fun way to celebrate,” said Chief Dan O’Shea. “However, conveying threats on text or social media that infringe on other people’s rights to feel safe is a crime and will be investigated as such.”

Citizens are encouraged to use caution during unfamiliar encounters and are reminded to call the non-emergency number at 815-966-2900 to report a suspicious sighting, or call 911 to report a crime in progress.

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